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Good afternoon Senator Edith Prague, Senator Edwin Gomes, Senator Anthony Guiglielmo, Representative Kevin Ryan, Representative Bruce Zalaski, Representative William Aman and distinguished members of the Labor & Public Employees Committee.

I want to thank you for raising HB 5064, *An Act Concerning Employment of Aliens Not Entitled to Lawful Residence in the United States*.

Currently, I believe there is no law in the State of Connecticut that provides any type of enforcement against an employer that knowingly and willfully hires an illegal alien who is not entitled to lawful residence in the United States. We, the State of Connecticut rely upon our federal government to pursue such action. Two of the most glaring cases in recent CT history occurred in October 2003 and January 2006 respectively.

The former date involved the raiding of 60 Wal-Mart stores in twenty-one states who were found to have employed over 250 illegal immigrants; Connecticut being one of those states. These employees were reported to have been hired as janitorial staff through a sub-contractor.

The latter resulted in the arrest of a Guilford man and his daughter who owned and operated 10 Dunkin Donut stores. His employees (illegal aliens) were required to work seven days a week on average 85 hrs per week for a weekly cash stipend of \$250.00. This case was also prosecuted by federal authorities.

By passing this bill we could help prevent employers from illegally hiring and taking advantage of illegal immigrants in our state.